

The Honorable Benjamin H. Settle

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA**

JOHN DOE # 1, an individual; JOHN
DOE # 2, an individual; and PROTECT
MARRIAGE WASHINGTON,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SAM REED, in his official capacity as
Secretary of State of Washington; and
BRENDA GALARZA, in her official
capacity as Public Records Officer for the
Secretary of State of Washington,

Defendants.

NO. 09-5456BHS

DECLARATION OF CATHERINE
S. BLINN IN OPPOSITION TO
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

I, Catherine S. Blinn, declare as follows:

1. I am over eighteen years of age and competent to testify. I serve as an Assistant Director of Elections in the Office of the Secretary of State for the state of Washington. I was appointed to this position in 2005 by Secretary of State Sam Reed, and have served in this position since that time.

2. In my capacity as an Assistant Director of Elections I have personal knowledge of the following information.

1 3. Attached to this Declaration as Exhibit A is a true scanned copy of a signature
2 petition for Referendum Measure 71, exclusive of the names, addresses and signatures of the
3 persons who signed the petition, which material has been redacted. The printed material on all
4 of the signature petitions for Referendum 71 is identical.

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6 4. Pursuant to article II, section 1(d) of the Washington Constitution and Wash. Rev.
7 Code § 29A.72.130, the attached petition for Referendum Measure 71 is directed: "To the
8 Honorable Sam Reed, Secretary of State of the State of Washington". As provided in Wash.
9 Rev. Code § 29A.72.130, its signers "order and direct that Referendum Measure
10 No. 71 . . . shall be referred to the people of the state for their approval or rejection at the
11 regular . . . election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2009; and each of us for himself or
12 herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of
13 Washington, in the city (or town) and county written after my name, my residence address is
14 correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once." As provided in Wash.
15 Rev. Code § 29A.72.140, the signature petition contains a warning that: "Every person who
16 signs this petition with any other than his or her true name, knowingly signs more than one of
17 these petitions, signs this petition when he or she is not a legal voter, or makes any false
18 statement on this petition may be punished by a fine or imprisonment or both."

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21 5. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the
22 foregoing is true and correct and of my own knowledge, and that I executed this declaration at
23 Olympia, Washington, in the County of Thurston, this 14th day of August, 2009.

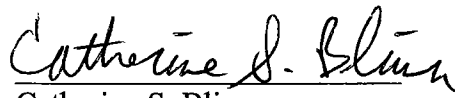
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EXHIBIT A

Preserve Marriage, Protect Children **R-71**

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- If same-sex marriage becomes law, public schools K-12 will be forced to teach that same-sex marriage and homosexuality are normal...even over the objections of parents. Sign R-71 to protect children.

Ballot Measure Summary

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WARNING:

Every person who signs this petition with any other than his or her true name, knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, signs this petition when he or she is not a legal voter, or makes any false statement on this petition may be punished by fine or imprisonment or both.

Ballot Title

Statement of Subject: The legislature passed Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5688 concerning rights and responsibilities of state-registered domestic partners (and voters have filed a sufficient referendum petition on this bill).

Concise description: This bill would expand the rights, responsibilities, and obligations accorded state-registered same-sex and senior domestic partners to be equivalent to those of married spouses; except that a domestic partnership is not a marriage.

Should this bill be:

☐ Approved

☐ Rejected

To the Honorable, Sam Reed,
Secretary of State of the State of Washington

We, the undersigned electors and legal voters of the State of Washington, respectfully order and direct that Referendum Initiative No. 71, filed to revise a bill that would expand the rights, responsibilities, and obligations accorded state-registered same-sex and senior domestic partners to be equivalent to those of married spouses, except that a domestic partnership is not a marriage, and was passed by the 10th Legislature of the State of Washington at the last regular session of said legislature, shall be referred to the people of the state for their approval or rejection at the regular election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2009, and each of us, the undersigned, being a legal voter of the State of Washington, in the city (or town) and county within which my name, my residence, address is currently stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.

All Washington State voters may sign this statewide referendum. Print and sign clearly!

Printed Name of Registered Voter	Signature of Voter	Your Home Address	City County	Email Address (optional)
0. JOHN Q. CITIZEN	<i>John Q. Citizen</i>	71 All the Way	Arlington Snohomish	R71@ProtectMarriageWA.com
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NEW SECTION, Sec. 95. A new section is added to chapter A1.1, RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, wife/widow(er), next of kin, and family shall be interpreted to apply equally to legally registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or formalized. To the extent that any provision of this chapter is inconsistent with state law, it is necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

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"A domestic partnership diverts rights and resources from a family to an unrelated adult. These include benefits for dependent children, end of life decisions by older children for elderly parents, and inheritance rights of all surviving family members, just to name a few. The homosexual community emphasizes the fact that they have biological children, yet no child is ever produced by a same sex relationship. There is always an opposite sex partner involved and they can lose their rights as well. Please support genuine marriage and sign R-71!"

- Senator Dan Swecker



"At the founding of our country we made the conscious decision to promote marriage between one man and one woman above all other legal unions because of its inherent value to children and society. Signing R-71 will help us preserve that decision for another generation."

-State Representative Matt Shea



"In 2006 the Washington State Supreme Court upheld the legislature's right to ban same sex marriages. The passage of Senate Bill 5688 this year makes same-sex Domestic Partnerships equal to genuine marriage in every practical way. Its passage has essentially overturned our Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and thus diminishes the value of traditional marriage between one man and one woman. I urge you to sign R-71 and help us roll back this effort to undermine marriage in Washington State!"

-Senator Val Stevens



"SB 5688 was packaged and presented to the legislature as a Domestic Partnerships expansion of benefits. In truth, it will demolish the state's historical understanding and definition of marriage as Washington will immediately become subject to litigation by same-sex partners demanding the courts overturn our state's Defense of Marriage Act and impose "same-sex marriage" (as happened recently in California prior to Proposition 8). By signing Referendum 71, we will bring this society changing measure before the people of Washington State and let them make this monumental decision in November."

-Larry Stickney, President, Washington Values Alliance

"Please Defend Marriage By Signing This Petition. SB 5688 was presented as a bill about benefits, yet a day after it was passed, those who sponsored the bill told the Seattle press that it was really part of a long term strategy to re-define marriage and legalize same-sex 'marriage'. The Seattle Times editorial board agreed and said homosexuals should also be given the name 'marriage' as a result of the passage of SB 5688. SB 5688 is the final step. If this bill is allowed to become law, partnerships will be elevated to the level of marriage with no legal difference. The Washington State Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) will be declared irrelevant and same-sex 'marriage' will be imposed on Washington State through the courts."

"SB 5688 is an attempt to deconstruct marriage as it has existed throughout all human history. This unique and exceptional relationship that connects a man and a woman to a child, genetically, is the cornerstone of every successful society in human history and is the master plan of the Creator. There is no other relationship that meets this criteria for marriage. Only natural marriage provides generational sustainability. Please defend marriage by signing the R-71 petition."

-Gary Randall, President Faith and Freedom Network and Foundation



"Those who think they can sit this battle out because they believe their values and their children will be safe in a private school or homeschool, need to think again. If the homosexual extremists are allowed to continue down this path, under expanded civil rights and hate crime laws, it will soon be illegal to speak out against homosexual marriage or the dangerous homosexual lifestyle. Please protect the time-honored tradition of ancient and modern society: one man, one woman in marriage. Protect the rights of children to have a mother and a father. Please do not hesitate to sign the R-71 petition."

-Pastor Ken Hitchcock, Antioch Bible Church

"Please sign R-71 right away. SB 5688 is bad legislation for marriage, children, the public schools and the economy. It's a back-door way of legislating homosexual marriage without the name--which will be next. That step would legitimize immoral behavior-- forcing many families and their children to leave the public schools, and costing the state millions of dollars on a crazy social experiment. People are free to live with anybody they want--but they don't have the right to change the bedrock of society--marriage--between a man and woman, producing, protecting, and nurturing children. We need to honor and strengthen marriage--not re-define it."

-Ron Boehme, US Renewal

Before you mail in your petition,
make sure to print and sign your name here:

Thanks!

(PRINT FIRST NAME)

(PRINT LAST NAME)

I swear or affirm under penalty of law that I circulated this sheet of the foregoing petition, and that, to the best of my knowledge, every person who signed this sheet of the foregoing petition knowingly and without any compensation or promise of compensation willingly signed his or her true name and that the information provided therewith is true and correct. I further acknowledge that under chapter 29A.84 RCW, forgery of signatures on this petition constitutes a class C felony, and that offering any consideration or gratuity to any person to induce them to sign a petition is a gross misdemeanor, such violations being punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

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